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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BASIC AMENITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing financial assistance to minority dominated areas for development of basic amenities;

(b) if so, the names of cities/towns of Kerala which have been provided with such financial assistance during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the norms being adopted to identify the minority dominated cities/towns in that State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. Multi-sectoral Development Programme(MsDP) is the main infrastructure development programme being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs since 2008-09 for the development of minority concentration areas in the country. During 11th Five Year Plan, MsDP was implemented in one District, namely, Wayanad, identified as Ministry Concentration District (MCD) in the State of Kerala. As a result of restructuring of MsDP, this Programme is being implemented in four Blocks, namely, Panamaram, Mananthavady, Kalpetta and Sulthanbathery of Wayanad District and Ponnani Town of Malappuram District of Kerala during 12th Five Year Plan. Financial assistance provided for the development of minority concentration areas of Kerala under MsDP during the last three years and during the current year 2013-14 is as under:-

S.No.	Year	Amount released (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	2010-2011	631.24
2.	2011-2012	744.80
3.	2012-2013	412.07
4.	2013-2014	93.75

(c) Blocks with a minimum of 25% minority population falling in the districts having either socio-economic parameters or basic amenities parameters or both, below the national average, have been identified as Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) in Kerala. Towns/Cities with a minimum of 25% minority population, having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below national average and not covered under MCD during 11th Plan, have been identified as Minority Concentration Towns/Cities in Kerala.